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Stakeholder Representatives

Agriculture

Robert Snyder, President, Martin County Farm Bureau

Robert Snyder is a native Floridian with more than 15 years experience in the nursery and landscape business. He graduated from Martin County High School and attended the University of South Florida. Mr. Snyder became a member of the Martin County Farm Bureau Board of Directors in 1994 and has served as president for the past 3 years. He is an avid fisherman and spends much of his spare time on the water, fishing with his family.

Business and Recreation

Vera Locke, Executive Director, Marine Industry Association

Vera Locke has been a Florida resident since 1970 and a riverfront resident of Palm City since 1978. She is currently the Executive Director of the Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast, Inc. Ms. Locke is an avid boater and has sailed throughout the U.S. East Coast, Florida Keys and the Bahamas. She has dedicated her life to public access to public waters, preservation of working waterfronts and promotion of all types of boating as a wholesome family activity.

Toby Overdorf, President, Palm City Chamber of Commerce

Toby Overdorf is serving as the immediate past-president of the Palm City Chamber of Commerce and as the current president of Palm City-based Crossroads Environmental. He is a former South Florida Water Management District research associate, in private practice since 1995. Mr. Overdorf is a member of this year's Leadership Florida class and is a member of both the St. Lucie and Martin Counties Economic Development Councils. Mr. Overdorf has an M.S. in Biology and an Environmental M.B.A., both from Florida Atlantic University.

Environmental Organizations

Patrick Hayes, Executive Director, Loxahatchee River Coalition

Patrick Hayes has been involved with water supply and environmental issues for more than 12 years. He is the Executive Director of the Loxahatchee River Coalition and held a seat on the Water Resource Advisory Committee for more than five years. Mr. Hayes is on the board of numerous organizations, including the Marine Resources Council, Martin County Audubon Society and Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. He actively participates in environmental water supply issues and in major drainage issues in South Florida. Mr. Hayes has a master's degree from Fordham University in New York City. He formerly worked in the investment banking industry and has been in Florida and retired for over 20 years.

Maggy Hurchalla, Conservation Alliance of Martin County

Maggy Hurchalla has been involved with Florida water and wilderness all her life. Elected as a Martin County Commissioner in 1974, she served in this role for 20 years (1974–1994). She also served on the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida, working on Everglades restoration. Ms. Hurchalla was part of the Indian River Lagoon Team planning a \$1 billion component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), centered around the regional canals between the Indian River and Lake Okeechobee. She was named by the Everglades Coalition as "Conservationist of the Year" and given national awards by the National Wildlife Federation and the Environmental Law Institute for her Indian River Lagoon work. In keeping with a family tradition, she is currently teaching her grandchildren how to get lost in the swamp and wrestle alligators.

Mark Perry, Executive Director, Florida Oceanographic Society

Mark Perry, a resident of Martin County since 1957, is the Executive Director of Florida Oceanographic Society where he has been employed since 1978. He serves as co-chair of the Everglades Coalition and is also a member of the Rivers Coalition. Mr. Perry participates regularly with federal, state and regional committees on the planning and management of Florida's coastal environments. He is the author or co-author of scientific technical publications and articles for magazines, newsletters and journals on ocean and coastal issues. Mr. Perry has testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee in Washington, D.C. on sugar reform, explaining impacts to the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries. He frequently speaks to groups, schools and civic organizations on Florida's ocean and coastal environments. Mr. Perry attended Tulane University, the University of Miami and Florida Institute of Technology, graduating with degrees in Marine Science and Applied Oceanography.

Local Government

Thomas Bausch, *Town of Sewall's Point Commissioner*

Thomas Bausch was elected to the Sewall's Point Commission in 2000 and re-elected in 2004. Mr. Bausch also served as a member/alternate to the Water Resources Advisory Committee of the South Florida Water Management District. He is a board member of the Marine Resources Council, is currently serving as Secretary of the Treasure Coast League of Local Governments and is a member of the Martin County Tourist Development Council. Additionally, he is a member of the Martin County Republican Executive Committee. Mr. Bausch graduated with a degree in economics from St. Peter's College in New Jersey.

Charles Grande, St. Lucie County Commissioner

Charles Grande was elected as a St. Lucie County Commissioner in 2006. Mr. Grande also served for eight years on the Planning & Zoning Commission. He was appointed to the Blueway Advisory Committee, the Citizens Comprehensive Plan Study Group, the Overall Economic Development Planning and the CEDS Committee of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. He volunteers in leadership positions with the Rivers Coalition, the Conservation Alliance, the Marine Resources Council, the Treasure Coast Environmental Defense Fund, the South Beach Association and the Presidents Council. Mr. Grande also has active memberships in the American Legion, MENSA, the Waterfront Council and United Way for Animals.



Sarah Heard, Martin County Commissioner

Sarah Heard was first elected as a Martin County Commissioner in 2002 and is now serving a second term. She also serves as chairwoman for the Loxahatchee River Management Coordinating Council; the Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries; and the Marine Resources Council. Ms. Heard was the recipient of the Commissioner of the Year award for her stance on managing growth.

Michael J. Mortell, City of Stuart Commissioner

Michael Mortell was elected to the City of Stuart Commission in 2001. He was appointed Vice-Mayor of Stuart in 2004 and Mayor of Stuart in 2005. A specialist in civil trial law, Mr. Mortell is a partner in the law firm of Lewis, Mortell & Lewis. He has served on the Metropolitan Planning Organization since 2003, including as chairman and vice chairman. He also served on the Committee for a Sustainable Treasure Coast in 2004 and 2005 and on the Board of Adjustment, Land Use Planning Board for the City of Stuart. Mr. Mortell graduated from Texas Christian University in 1987 and Nova University Law School in 1990.

Utilities

Anne Murray, Martin County Utility

Anne Murray is a Professional Geologist (P.G.) specializing in water resources with emphasis on public groundwater supply planning and water resource development. Since 2001, she has served as Martin County's liaison to the South Florida Water Management District on consumptive use permitting, planning and rule development activities, while also focusing on alternative water supply, water conservation and wellfield protection programs. Her background is augmented by more than 18 years experience in environmental consulting as a project manager and senior hydrogeologist for water resource investigation and construction projects in Florida as well as in California, Utah, Colorado and Georgia. Ms. Murray graduated from Boston University.